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MEMORANDUM FOR: All Employees EA Division

SUBJECT : 1975 Automobiles-Requirement for Unleaded Gasoline

1. The purpose of this memorandum is to alert those personnel who may be subject to an overseas assignment and who may be contemplating the purchase of a 1975 model American automobile to a problem which is as yet unresolved. Recently enacted legislation requires that all 1975 model passenger vehicles manufactured in the U.S. be equipped with certain advanced emission controls. The heart of these new controls is a catalytic converter which is incorporated into the car's exhaust system. In addition, there are some 80 other adjustments which have been made including installation of a narrow-necked gasoline filler pipe designed to preclude the pumping of regular or premium leaded gasoline into the vehicle's tank. Gasoline pumps across the nation are being fitted with the smaller sized nozzles expressly for the purpose of dispensing unleaded gasoline into 1975 model cars. The result of all these modifications is that 1975 model American automobiles will operate ONLY on unleaded gasoline.

2. GSA advises that it expects to obtain a sufficient quantity of passenger vehicles for "export" which will be equipped similarly to the 1974 models and thus not require the use of unleaded gasoline. This will, assuming it comes to pass, solve the Agency's requirement for Official vehicles suitable for use at field stations. The major concern at this point is the shipment of [REDACTED] POV's manufactured in 1975 and later years since available information indicates that unleaded gasoline is not generally available overseas.

3. The Office of Logistics is engaged in determining answers to such questions as what impact the use of leaded gasoline will have on the catalytic converter; can the system be by-passed or easily removed (a violation of the act as passed by Congress); and other questions germane to the problem. As such answers are forthcoming, they will be the subject of future Division publications. The Division Logistics staff has been designated as the focal point for action in this matter and all queries should be directed to this staff on extension [REDACTED]

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